

# Spanish Consul Addresses Block Managers Assembly

Senor F. de Amat, Spanish Consul from San Francisco, told members of the block managers' assembly on Friday of last week, that the Japanese government has requested the names and addresses of the nearest of kin in Japan of persons who have deceased here. This information should be submitted to Mrs. Lucy Adams, assistant project director in charge of community management.

The consul, who was accompanied by Erle R. Dickover of the State Department in Washington, was introduced to the assembly by Project Director Ralph P. Merritt who explained that the two were working on a report of conditions in relocation centers requested by the Japanese Government before further negotiations for exchange of nationals would be considered.

Senor de Amat stated that he would like to hear from the block managers; complaints, suggestions or questions of a general nature. Subjects that were more specific or personal were received by the Consul that afternoon.

When asked what type of reception the expatriated nisei received in Japan, the Consul stated that the reception was apparently on the same status as nationals, judging by the Japanese government's request for some niseis in the past exchanges.

He added that the Spanish government has been asked by Tokyo to protect Japanese nationals in this country; the nisei is recognized as citizens of the (Continued on Page Two)

## Merritt Warns On Travel Regulation

Project Director Ralph P. Merritt today warned alien evacuees planning to leave the centers on seasonal or indefinite leave to be certain that they understand and comply with all Department of Justice regulations governing enemy aliens.

Mr. Merritt cites as an example a recent arrest of four seasonal workers from Heart Mountain Center in Wyoming. They were apprehended by the FBI in Spokane, Washington for traveling without the required permits and detained for several weeks. He stated that after being given hearings before an Alien Enemy Hearing Board, they were finally released by order of the Attorney General of the United States.

### REGULATIONS

These regulations require that aliens apply to the U. S. District Attorney in the State in which they are living at the time for permission to travel from one city or town to another. Application for permission must be made at least seven days BEFORE any trips can be made.

The Project Director suggested that alien evacuees planning to leave the center in the near future see J. Benson Saks, project attorney for further explanation of these regulations.

## TO KILL CHICKENS FOR NEW YEAR'S

About 2000 chickens, each averaging four pounds will be slaughtered and dressed this week in this center, announced the Farming Division. It disclosed that these chickens will be stored and used in the New Year's feast.

This will be the first flock of chickens to be slaughtered within this center. Another 5000 is scheduled for slaughtering by June, the end of the present fiscal year. Also scheduled for slaughtering during the same period are 200 heads of cattle and 280 heads of hogs.

All these will be consumed within the center but will be distributed according to the point system as is now in effect throughout the country, the announcement revealed.

## GREETINGS from RALPH MERRITT

A very Happy Christmas to everyone in Manzanar! We have had a year of which we may all be proud since peace came to Manzanar a year ago.

Throughout the world people of all nations and all faiths are coming to recognize more and more the deep meaning of this day dedicated to peace on earth and good will among men.

As little children have toys and decorated trees and young people sing carols and have gifts, so let us older people of every faith and ancestry begin another year in which we work together and pray together for peace and good will among men.

In this thought I wish everyone a happy Christmas season.

Ralph P. Merritt  
Project Director

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## Gifts Arrive For Center Distribution

Almost 3000 boys and girls in Manzanar will receive gifts this Christmas, according to the Rev. H. G. Bovenkerk. Packages of gifts, some holding from 30 to 40 in one package, have been received by approximately 264 donors from the outside.

These gifts came from many different states in the Union. To name a few: Pennsylvania, New York, California, New Jersey, Virginia, North Dakota, Indiana, Massachusetts, Washington D. C., Wisconsin, Kansas, Maryland, etc.

Most common are puzzles, drawing sets and paper doll books. The gifts will be distributed to the children in all blocks, Children's Village and hospital.

The Rev. Bovenkerk also stated that this year in contrast to last Christmas, there will be very little candy available for the children in the Center.

The Evangelical Church in Pennsylvania, which is a congregation of German immigrants, is the largest single group to contribute Christmas gifts. Another church that contributes largely is the Unitarian and Universalist church formed of people of old New England stock.

## Support Us Tonight

O Lord, support us all the night long of this troubled age, until the warfare stops, the tragedy is ended, our sins forgiven and the love of Christ is alive in the hearts of all. Then of thy great mercy, grant us a better world, cooperation among us, one and all, and peace at last, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—Clarence Seidenspinner

## Explain Revision On Shoe Ration Stamp

Effective December 1, 1943, residents need not use their shoe stamps within 30 days of their issuance as was required previously, revealed Chief Steward J. R. Winchester. He said that stamps issued here will be dated as previously but will be valid for the same period now being allowed civilians on the outside.

Residents whose occupation makes it necessary to obtain a second stamp, however, will have to use their second stamp within 30 days of its issuance, he declared. The procedure for obtaining this is to contact their division heads for their written consents and take them to their ration boards.

## Provide Benefits For Camp Workers

Compensation benefits for disability or death of an evacuee worker are provided for by Administrative Instruction where injuries caused by wound, injury, or shock and for death while in the course of employment, stated J. Benson Saks, project attorney.

These benefits do not apply to (1) those employed by community enterprises or other private employment within the center, (2) a disease, except as a natural result from injury, or (3) an injury or death caused by unlawful misconduct or intentional injury on the part of the injured worker.

### TOTAL DISABILITY

In the case of total disability, a form of unemployment benefit is granted in the amount of two-thirds of the worker's monthly wage as of the date of the accident, provided that the compensation does not exceed \$50 a month or a total of more than \$4,000 exclusive of medical treatment and hospital care. In the case of death, burial expenses should not exceed \$200.

For permanent partial disability resulting from the loss of limbs, eyes, fingers, etc., awards

## R. Cozzens Hits 'Race Baiters'

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24—Major responsibility for jeopardizing the lives and welfare of thousands of American men, women and children in custody of the Japanese was placed on the shoulders of "agitators of race hatred" by Robert B. Cozzens, regional director of the WRA in San Francisco according to a WRA press release.

Cozzens' charge was made in a statement to the press after the State Department revealed that the Japanese government has broken off negotiations for the exchange of nationals until an investigation can be made of conditions under which Japanese nationals are cared for by the United States government. Such an investigation is now being made by representatives of the Spanish government which acts as protecting power for the Japanese in negotiations with the United States.

Cozzens declared that "there can be no doubt that the interruption of negotiations for the return of American soldiers and civilians, including women and children now in the hands of the Japanese was caused by the malicious campaign which has been carried on by agitators of race hatred including public as well as private organizations and individuals."

The release stated that the "heedless race baiters have hit every American family which has a loved one in the hands of the Japanese. The thought of American women and children and soldiers in the hands of the enemy anxiously awaiting the day when their exchange can be brought about should have a sobering effect on the fanatical super-patriots who have been agitating for a more restrictive policy on the part of the War Relocation Authority."

## Remind Evacuees Of Draft Instructions

Evacuees subject to the Selective Service Law were reminded today of their responsibility for keeping in touch with their draft boards, according to special instructions received from Washington.

The bulletin stated that all persons between the ages of 18 and 45 who are required to register must inform their boards at all times of any change of address, dependency, or marital status. Failure to do so will automatically make them draft delinquent and subject to possible criminal prosecution.

Young men reaching their 18th birthday are required by law to register with the local Selective Service Board. They are asked to contact Ralph P. Merritt, project director, who will assist them in registering.

It was also disclosed that some evacuees have as yet failed to notify their local boards of their project address. Those residents who have so far neglected to straighten out any of the above regulations are asked to contact J. Benson Saks, project attorney at 1-2-1 immediately.

may be granted in accordance with a schedule set forth by the U. S. Employees' Compensation Commission, reported Saks.

Where medical facilities in the centers are not adequate, an injured worker may be granted such treatment at other U. S. medical establishments without cost to him.

A notice of injury and claim for compensation must be filed by the injured employee on Form CAI within 48 hours after the injury occurs. Form CAI is obtainable from all section heads and should be requested immediately by an injured person. Dependents of a worker, who dies as a result of injuries sustained, are also provided for under the compensation award regulations, stated Saks.